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MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

SUBJECT: Discussion with O/O/C [REDACTED]

1. I asked for information as to how the arrangements had been established for evaluations were getting along. The report was favorable. I also asked about the reception which field offices had accorded to State Economic Reporting Periodic Guides. The answer was favorable, except that they needed more detailed information.

2. I went through the WSCID paragraph by paragraph asking questions regarding the various items. They seemed to have had recent correspondence with ONI regarding paragraph 2h and 3c and d. I also learned that much of paragraph 2g is not actually practicable.

I told them that I would check with O/CD regarding whether in fact when it receives requirements for levying against O/O it does check whether this material is available in Washington. I also am interested in obtaining access to indexing data accumulated by other Washington agencies regarding foreign intelligence which have been housed in bundles and basins around Washington. ECA was given as an example of this. I should check with [REDACTED] on this.

I also learned that O/SO and O/O are collaborating on developing a single evaluation sheet.

3. I also understand that O/O/C has been sitting in on [REDACTED] committee in the course of the inventory of O/RR's ignorance. O/O/C thinks of this as extremely useful.

4. I raised questions about the administrative acts relating to evaluations. The sum of this is that since considerable emphasis is placed in the field on evaluations it hardly follows that the actions can be witting and profitable if 90% are of value, 8% of some value, and 2% of no value.

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